--- 20 Pounds - “Series of 1915”- SNUFF - 460 x 21 mm. design ---

--- inscribed with OVER / *40%* / MOISTURE ---

--- recess printed by ABN, New York - in BLACK ink - scanned at 60% scale ---

The snuff moisture distinction *over 40% moisture* and *not more than 40% moisture* had been discontinued when the Budget of 1908 was tabled. Perhaps in 1915, with World War I in progress, there was consideration being given to the re-introduction of these two moisture classifications, or the die had been prepared prior to 1908.

In any event it does not seem that production runs were made on the 20 pound strip. Lee Brandom lists only the plate proof on bond paper, which *I doubt exists*, and certainly have not seen.

★ **DP** - 20 pounds, both portions of the black die proof, initialled *A.A. 184* and *A.A. 185* in black ink, recess printed on bond paper and mounted on thin cardboard

[the overall length of the left side die proof is 266 mm., the overall length of the right side is 197 mm.]

In a memorandum to *D. Sims, Esq.* (Deputy Minister of National Revenue, Customs and Excise) dated June 14th 1944, *L. A. White* and *C.R. Coombs* record the destruction of die No. F-82 for the “Series of 1915” twenty pound “Over 40% Moisture” snuff strip.

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